

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/707,253

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/18/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 1/18/2006.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 2/17/2006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

George Nguyen
Primary Examiner

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Elaine H. Lo on 2/17/2006. The application has been amended as follows:

The amendment to the specification, filed by the applicant on 1/18/2006, contains paragraph reference errors to which changes have been made. The following paragraph reference numbers should be changed accordingly:

Paragraph "[0012]" should be changed to--[0014]--.

Paragraph "[0013]" should be changed to--[0015]--.

Paragraph "[0031]" should be changed to--[0033]--.

Paragraph "[0032]" should be changed to--[0034]--.

Paragraph "[0034]" should be changed to--[0036]--.

Paragraph "[0036]" should be changed to--[0038]--.

Paragraph "[0038]" should be changed to--[0040]--.

Paragraph "[0040]" should be changed to--[0042]--.

Paragraph "[0041]" should be changed to--[0043]--.

Claims 1-10 and 15-16 have been cancelled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or suggest an apparatus for applying a grip to a golf club wrapped in doubled-sided water activated tape. The present invention includes a base with a shaft retention device for holding the shaft and a moveable attachment mechanism for applying the grip to the golf club. The moveable attachment mechanism contains a needle for inflation, a first and second guiding rod, and an arm. The needle is attached to the arm such that the needle and the first and second guiding rods extend in a horizontal plane. Although Tsiguloff (US Patent No. 6,460,237) teaches using a needle to inflate a golf club handle for insertion on a shaft, Tsiguloff does not teach the specific structure of the present invention. The device further contains a spray nozzle for the application of water over the double-sided tape on the grip. These limitations, in combination with all of the other claim limitations, are not taught in the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

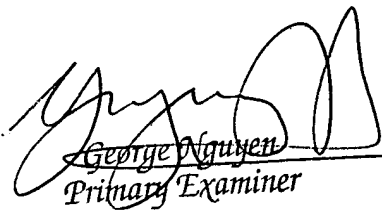
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas E. Mazzuca whose telephone number is (571)272-7813. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4PM Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-4491. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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February 21, 2006

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